

1 We Claim:

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3 1. A composition comprising a polymer for providing a polymer
4 membrane, at least one pharmaceutically acceptable surfactant compatible
5 with the polymer, and a single solvent for both the polymer and the surfactant.

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7 2. A composition comprising 40 wt % to 99.5 wt % of a member selected
8 from the group consisting of cellulose acylate, cellulose diacylate, cellulose
9 triacylate and ethylcellulose; 0.5 wt % to 60 wt % of an amphiphilic surfactant,
10 and an organic solvent wherein the cellulose member and the amphiphilic
11 surfactant exhibiting a solubility.

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13 3. A composition comprising 40 wt % to 99.5 wt % of a member selected
14 from the group consisting of a cellulose acetate, a cellulose diacetate, a
15 cellulose triacetate, and ethyl cellulose; 0.5 wt % to 60 % of an amphiphilic
16 surfactant; which composition when coated onto a therapeutic drug
17 composition provides a dosage form for administering the drug over time.

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19 4. A dosage form comprising: (1) a composition comprising a dose of
20 drug; (2) a composition comprising a polymer and an amphiphilic surfactant
21 that surrounds (1); and wherein the dosage form is characterized by : (3) a
22 solvent exhibiting common solubility for the polymer and the surfactant for
23 surrounding (1) with (2) to provide the dosage form.

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